

## Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

### Draft Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams**

**Date: November 19, 2020**

#### **Members Present:**

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Christine Latulippe, Cynthia Cole, Ric Reardon, Christine Kurucz, Amy Minor, Bernie Cleland, Amy Flannery, Amy McMullen

#### **Members Absent:**

Cheryl Niedzwiecki, Shelby Quinn, Jennifer Clement

#### **Staff Present:**

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns

#### **Members of the Public:**

N/A

#### **Call to Order:**

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

C. Latulippe moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

C. Latulippe moved to approve the minutes from 10/20/2020.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

## **Board Member Updates:**

R. Reardon spoke about student teaching end of semester gathering for Castleton University. "They did a great job." Turned out maybe more accessible for folks having it over zoom. Also mentioned the EPIC portfolio calibration session, "fascinating experience again, one that helps us determine how well our students are getting where we want them to be," also good opportunity to continue to review the VLP. "It's a good process."

## **Correspondence and Announcements:**

N/A

## **Staff Report:**

P. Halladay updated info about fingerprinting centers shutting down. Commending the EPPs for their flexibility and adapting to changing schedules during COVID.

Change to instructional levels for new reading specialist endorsement- change to K-8, 5-12, or K-12. J. Fribush asked if Rule changes had passed – not yet.

## **Waiver Requests:**

### **Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Payette**

J. Fribush motioned to extend the provisional license for one more year. Amy M. seconded. PH suggested extending through June 30, 2021 for the school year. Motion passed.

### **Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Trudo**

J. Fribush motioned to grant one-year provisional limited to Rutland City SD, valid until 6-30-21. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion passed.

### **School Board Chair Waiver Request: D. Lesperance**

Waiver not needed since he has a Masters in Educational Leadership and thus does not need to take SLLA. J. Fribush had moved to accept, R. Reardon had seconded. J. Fribush withdrew motion, C. Cole seconded withdrawal.

## **Early Childhood Education Placements:**

AOE will be coming forward at the January meeting with a proposal for educators in private providers to seek a provisional through the auspices of the agency.

## **Dual Endorsement Practicum Requirements:**

At a future date, the Board will entertain a policy discussion on the preparation requirements for teachers seeking a dual endorsement upon initial licensure.

## **Castleton University Substantive Change Request**

C. Latulippe moved to accept Castleton's substantive change request. J. Fribush seconded.  
R. Reardon abstained.  
Motion passed.

## **Substantive Change Proposals for Student Teaching under COVID-19**

J. Fribush moved to accept the student teaching contingency plans from Champlain, Middlebury, and NVU-Lyndon, and to extend the previously-approved plans from Castleton, Goddard, Norwich, NVU-Johnson, St. Michael's, TAP, and UVM for the spring semester.  
C. Kurucz seconded.  
R. Reardon and C. Latulippe abstained.  
Motion passed.

## **January Agenda Items**

- ECE waiver proposal
- COVID update
- Spark's spring student teaching plan
- NVU-Lyndon ROPA report
- Peer Review Two-Year Report
- UVEI ROPA Review Team
- Licensing report update for 2021 renewals

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:31am

Minutes recorded by Ellen Cairns